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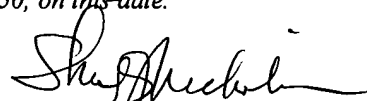
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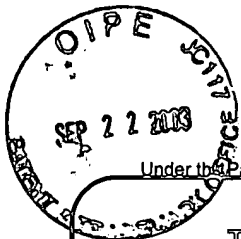
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In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the above application to read as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 21, and 30 as follows. Also, please delete Claims 4, 18, and 24 without prejudice.

1. (Six times amended): A method for providing updated digital signature key pairs to a plurality of clients in a public key system comprising the steps of :
- providing, by a multi-client management unit and not by a client, selectable digital signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data, and selectable private



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